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Cauvery Stage 6 project faces delays as BWSSB's project report submitted to state govt over four months ago is still awaiting nod

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HEADING OUT

Number of cases involving riders without helmets drops by more than 50% in first six months of 2025 as compared to last year

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Painter's death after fall from fourth floor puts into spotlight glaring security lapses that housing societies get away with as they outsource tasks to contractors who do not put in place even basic safety measures

WITHOUT A SAFETY NET

Workers not given protective gear or training, no plan in case of emergencies

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The death of a 20-year-old painter at an apartment complex in Sitaram Palya has once again exposed the glaring lack of safety measures followed in many residential societies across Bengaluru.

On August 4, the painter, identified as Sartaj Alam, who was from Bihar and had been working in the city for the past three months, fell from the fourth floor while painting and died before an ambulance could reach there. A complaint filed at Mahadevapura Police Station states that Alam was made to work without protective equipment such as harnesses, helmets, or body protectors. His father, who filed the complaint, has sought legal action against the contractor firm and those overseeing the work at the complex.

Ignored warnings, no safety measures

Shockingly, this was not the first such incident at the site. On August 2, another painter had fallen from the first floor but escaped with minor injuries after landing on a paint bucket. Yet, even after this close call, no safety measures were introduced and work continued without protective gear. Two days later, Alam fell from the fourth floor and died, a tragedy that underlines how repeated warnings were ignored.

Sources further alleged that the 15-year-old apartment complex lacked even basic safety and emergency provisions. No first aid arrangements were available, and while CCTV cameras covered the building's exterior, the risky work taking place inside went completely unmonitored.

> **"Until builders comply with RERA by transferring control legally, both residents and contract workers remain at risk, with no clear accountability for safety or compliance** —Advocate

Larger pattern of negligence

Advocates note that incidents like these are not isolated. Across Bengaluru, housing societies often outsource painting, plumbing, and maintenance work to contractors without

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Too young to tie the knot

200% rise in number of child marriage cases in Bengaluru as compared to last year

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Even as the city brands itself as a global tech hub, the menace of child marriage continues to cast a shadow. Official data from the Women and Child Development Department shows that Bengaluru Urban recorded a 200% rise in reported child marriage cases — from 10 incidents in 2023-24 to 30 in 2024-25.

Bengaluru Rural saw a 200% increase as well, with cases rising from 8 to 24. However, across Karnataka, the overall decline in child marriages has been marginal — from 719 cases in 2023-24 to 700 in 2024-25, a reduction of just 2.6%. However, in several districts, including Bengaluru, the problem has grown worse.

Activists point out that despite better literacy rates, urban exposure, and access to law enforcement, child marriages continue in pockets of the city and its rural fringes. In many cases, economic distress, social pressures, and community traditions outweigh legal deterrents. Officials admit that some marriages happen in secrecy, with families moving ceremonies to rural hometowns to avoid detection.

While districts like Chamarajanagar (down from 52 to 2) and Vijayapura (35 to 12) saw steep declines, others witnessed worrying surges. Bagalkot jumped from

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THINGS TO DO

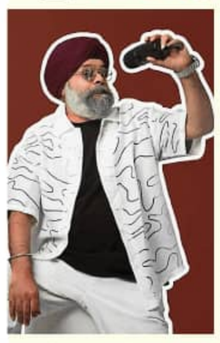
01 Divine magic

Natanam School of Dance is presenting an enchanting evening of Bharatanatyam, portraying the inspiring life of saint-poet Tulsidas, and a presentation featuring a unique series of 60 performances of the Astaragamalika Varna in celebration of Karnataka Kalashree Guru Sathyanarayana Raju's Shastipoorthi (60th year). **Where: Medai-The Stage, Koramangala; When: August 23, 5 pm**

02 Game on

Nexus Shantiniketan Mall is presenting 'Thrillscape', the ultimate immersive digital adventure zone, crafted with next-gen technologies blurring the line between reality and the digital realm to offer a futuristic entertainment experience. **Where: Nexus Shantiniketan Mall; When: Until August 31, 12 pm to 9 pm**

03 All in jest



At the Talkies is presenting 'Maheep Singh Live', a comedy show with a funny take on love, relationships, marriage, and the mundane lives of Indian men. **Where: MLR Convention Centre, JP Nagar; When: August 23, 4 pm and 7.30 pm**

04 Artists' haven

CMR University is organising a 10-day CMR National Art Camp and Exhibition, titled 'Brushes and Beyond 2025', offering participants and visitors an enriching journey through various art forms. **Where: CMRU Lakeside Campus, Chagalahatti; When: August 18 to 28**

05 Electrifying performance

Parmish Verma will be bringing his chart-topping hits and explosive energy for an unforgettable night of powerful music, vibrant vibes and unlimited entertainment. **Where: Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield; When: August 30, 7 pm**

Group urges action on BU heritage tag

Environmentalists' group reaches out to KBB demanding to begin process to declare BU campus as heritage site, alleges deliberate delay; KBB official says delay due to BU's slow response

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In May, Forest Minister Khandre instructed Additional Chief Secretary of Department of Forestry, Ecology and Environment to submit a proposal for declaring the campus a heritage site under Biological Diversity Act (BDA), 2002

Members of Jnanabharathi Vayuvihargala Sangha, a group of city-based environmentalists and conservationists, have approached the Karnataka Biodiversity Board (KBB) to declare the Bangalore University's Jnanabharathi campus as a biodiversity heritage site. Sangha members claim they have approached KBB, as the process to assess biodiversity on the BU campus has yet to begin, despite instructions given by Karnataka Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre in May this year.

"The Forest Minister had issued this instruction based on the current environmental conditions of Bengaluru. It is imperative to declare the campus with nearly 600 acres of bio-geo-hydro forest and degraded areas of ancient forests, a heritage site," said Dr TJ Renuka Prasad, a retired professor at BU and President of the Sangha.

Notably, in May, Khandre instructed the Additional Chief Secretary of the Department of Forestry, Ecology and Environment to submit a proposal for declaring the campus a heritage site under the Biological Diversity Act (BDA), 2002.

The letter by the Minister also clarified that this step was taken after various development activities were proposed on the campus, allegedly posing a threat to its biodiversity.

File pending with BU: KBB

KBB states that the file to initiate the assessment process was sent to the BU Registrar last month. However, a response from the varsity is still pending.

"We have written to the varsity seeking information about the total area available with the varsity. BU has transferred land from the campus to various institutions, and it is important to get an estimate of the total land currently designated as the Jnanabharathi campus. We wrote to the registrar nearly 20 days ago. We are waiting for the response," said Govardhan Singh, KBB's Deputy Conservator of Forests. According to Singh, the process can move forward only after KBB receives consent from the varsity, as it is the institution's land.

However, Sangha members allege the process is being deliberately delayed. According to Dr Prasad, KBB officials had approached him over two months ago to get information on the biodiversity on the campus. While all information was provided immediately, a recent letter by KBB states otherwise.

"I have provided all the required information through email. However, in a letter to the varsity, the Board has mentioned that they have not received any information. They can reject or accept the details I have provided. But misrepresenting this fact points to a sinister plan," alleged Dr Prasad.

Despite Forest Minister issuing directive to assess biodiversity on BU campus for heritage site status in May, process has not started yet, say Jnanabharathi Vayuvihargala Sangha members

BM tried to contact the BU Registrar, but she refused to comment, citing insufficient information and requesting additional time to review the files.

Steady rains trigger rise in viral fever cases in Bengaluru

Continuous rains and chilly weather over the past week have led to a sharp rise in viral fever cases across the city, with hospitals reporting a 15 to 20 per cent increase in outpatient cases. Doctors say children are the worst affected, with nearly 10 per cent more cases of fever, cough, cold, throat pain, and vomiting being reported compared to normal. Medical officers from KC General, Victoria, CV Raman Nagar, and Vanivilas hospitals confirmed that both children and adults are reporting viral infections, including dengue and typhoid. Pregnant women, too, are showing higher vulnerability to fever due to the damp weather. Physicians have advised parents to keep children warm, avoid exposure to rain, and seek medical help without delay. The Meteorological Department has forecast light to moderate rains in Bengaluru until August 23. **— BMB**

No eligible candidate for music university Vice-Chancellor

Mysuru's Gangubai Hangal Music University is yet to find a suitable candidate for the Vice-Chancellor position, said Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar. Responding to BJP MLA HS Gopinath's query, the minister clarified that despite issuing two rounds of notifications, no eligible applicant has come forward. He added that rules do not permit extending the tenure of the current Vice-Chancellor, and unlike Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), the Music University cannot continue with the existing head. A fresh call for applications will soon be issued, he said. **— BMB**

Shepherds rally in B'luru, urge swift passage of Protection Bill

Over a hundred shepherds gathered at Freedom Park, Bengaluru, demanding immediate passage of the long-promised Shepherds' Protection and Prevention of Atrocities Bill. The protestors, under the banner of the Traditional Shepherds' Welfare Protection Struggle Committee, alleged continuous harassment, assaults, thefts, and even killings targeting their community, particularly in forest and hilly regions.

In a memorandum submitted to the government, the shepherds sought legal safeguards, stringent punishment clauses, welfare measures such as hostels, medical care, insurance, market facilities, and education reservations, while also pressing for action against officials enabling misuse of benefits. They welcomed the government's move to introduce the Traditional Migratory Shepherds (Protection Against Atrocities and Provision of Welfare) Bill, 2025, but insisted on stronger provisions and urged its passage during the current legislative session. **— BMB**

Privilege motion against lawyer Jagadish referred to committee

A privilege motion moved by Yelahanka BJP MLA SR Vishwanath against Bigg Boss fame lawyer Jagadish has been referred to the Assembly Privileges Committee. Raising the issue during Zero Hour, Vishwanath alleged that Jagadish had called him "unfit" for remarks made in the House and further accused him of depositing Rs 100 crore black money with the Dharmadhikari of Dharmasthala and misusing his position to de-notify land. Terming this as a violation of his rights, Vishwanath urged Speaker UT Khader to take action. Responding, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil said the issue was not just about an individual's rights but also an affront to the dignity of the House. He recommended referring the matter to the Privileges Committee, to which the Speaker agreed. **— BMB**

Action against professional colleges collecting excess fees

Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar warned that strict action will be taken against professional colleges collecting excess fees. Replying to a question from JDS MLA Govindaraju, he said the previous BJP government had allowed colleges to charge an additional Rs 20,000 over the state-fixed fee, but the current government has limited this to Rs 5,000 to Rs 15,000 for skill-based education. Any college charging beyond this has been issued notices through the Admission Oversight Committee, and students have been refunded, he assured. **— BMB**

No closure of government schools, says minister

Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa assured that government schools in Karnataka will not be shut down, but instead reorganised through a clustering model. Responding to questions from Congress MLA ML Anil Kumar and JD(S) MLA K. Vivekananda said that government schools saw 40.74 lakh admissions in 2024-25, a decline of two lakh compared to last year. To address this, the state has introduced Kannada and English medium sections. "Even if only one child is enrolled, the school will continue. However, due to opposition concerns about maintaining separate schools with very few students, clustering will be implemented," he clarified. The minister further said that more pre-primary schools and Karnataka Public Schools (KPS) are being established, enabling students to pursue 16 years of continuous education on a single campus. **— BMB**

Bengaluru cops bust interstate drug racket, seize MDMA worth ₹5 crore

Electronic City police, with the help of the Mane Manege police team, have busted an interstate drug racket and arrested two Congolese nationals, seizing 2.15 kg of MDMA crystals worth Rs 5 crore.

The main accused, Joel Kabong (28), an MBA dropout, had been living in the city for over a decade. Initially arriving on a student visa, he became addicted to drugs and later joined a peddlers' network, sourcing MDMA from contacts in Delhi. Police said his customers were largely college students and private firm employees.

The racket came to light when a police team from the Mane Manege police initiative got a tip-off about an African national moving around suspiciously in Electronic City with a backpack.

A team kept Joel under watch for two weeks before catching him red-handed with 110 grams of MDMA, an electronic weighing machine and plastic pouches.

Based on his confession, police nabbed his partner Joy Sunday (22), a resident of Vidyaranyapura. Investigations revealed Joy was handling orders from customers while Joel managed deliveries. Joy's husband, Angolano (30), also part of the network, is absconding.

According to the police, the accused were linked to a Delhi-based supply chain and had been operating in Bengaluru for several years. A special team has been formed to track down others in the racket. Notably, Joel had even acted in a Kannada movie Bheema, playing a peddler and addict.

City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh appreciated the team for cracking the case and added that the police are now working on leads to trace the exact source of the drugs and the wider supply chain. **BMB**

North East Division police crack down on MDMA peddlers: Four held, drugs worth ₹18.4 lakh seized

In two separate operations, the North East division police have arrested four individuals, including a vegetable vendor and three college students, for peddling MDMA in the city.

In the first case, Sampigehalli police nabbed Wasim Akram, a vegetable supplier from Hassan, with 30 grams of MDMA worth Rs 3.4 lakh. Police said his customers included students and private firm employees. He admitted to sourcing the drugs from a contact, Firoz, who is currently absconding.

In another case, three students, pursuing MBA, automobile engineering, and B Com at private colleges in Bengaluru, were caught with 117 grams of MDMA worth Rs 15 lakh. The trio, natives of Kerala, allegedly sourced the drugs from their home state and sold them in the city to fund their own addiction. All four accused have been booked under the NDPS Act as investigations continue. **BMB**

Koramangala, HSR police nab drug offenders, seizures worth nearly ₹30 lakh

The city's South East Division police have arrested two accused in separate cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, recovering stolen mobile phones and large quantities of marijuana valued together at nearly Rs 30 lakh.

In the first case, Koramangala police raided a hotel room on July 3 after a tip-off, arresting four men with 12.62 grams of MDMA. One accused identified as Tousif (25), managed to escape and was traced weeks later to Goripalya, where he was taken into custody on July 26. During interrogation, police found he had 48 stolen mobile phones of various brands worth Rs 16 lakh.

He admitted to selling drugs with the earlier arrested group. The police are now trying to trace the owners of the mobiles seized, as most of them have not reported the theft. Further investigations underway.

In another operation, HSR Layout police received information on August 10 that a man was selling marijuana near the BWSSB compound. The suspect, a native of Tripura, was caught with 22.18 kg of Ganja worth Rs 13.4 lakh. He confessed to buying the contraband at low cost from another man from Tripura and selling it in the city for profit. Investigations are ongoing to trace their wider networks. **BMB**

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Outrage over politician's dog massacre claims

Activists say MLC Bhojegowda must be arrested for alleged murder of dogs, demand strict legal action and removal from post for condoning violence

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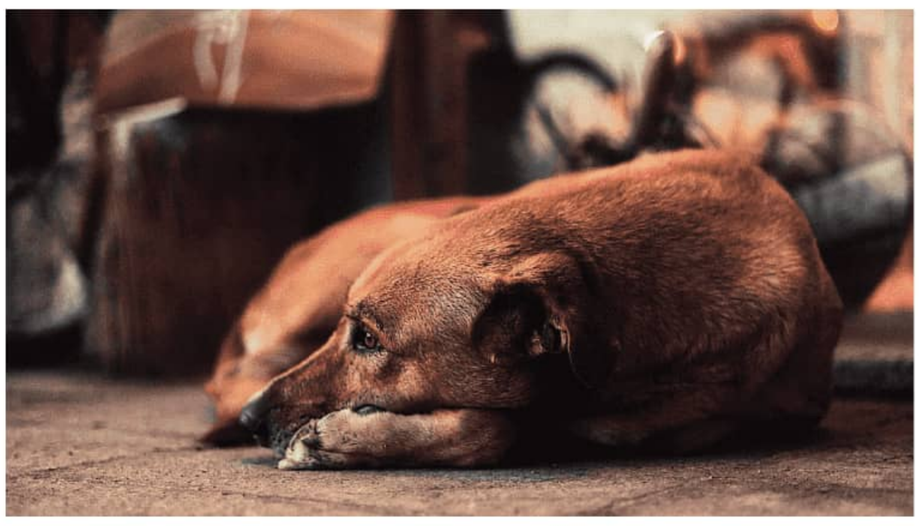

Animal activists are up in arms against Janata Dal (Secular) member of Legislative Council SL Bhojegowda's statement regarding killing 2500 dogs during his tenure as Chikkamagaluru Municipal Council Chairman. The activists have urged the authorities to initiate legal proceedings against Bhojegowda for the alleged killing of dogs.

Bhojegowda, while participating in a debate in the Council on the recent stray dog issue, claimed to have killed 2500 dogs and buried them under trees to serve as natural compost.

Harish KB, Anti-Cruelty Officer of People for Animals, lodged a complaint with Vidhana Soudha police on August 15 to register a First Information Report (FIR) against Bhojegowda under Section 325 and 352 of the BNS for making the shocking, self-incriminating, and highly provocative statement in the Legislative Council.

Animal activist highlights politicians are responsible for welfare of animals too, condemns public boasting of cruel act

"The police have assured me to register the Zero FIR but they are yet to honour their assurance," said Harish.

Expressing concern over the statement, Arun Prasad, an animal activist, said, "I want Vidhana Soudha police to register the Zero FIR and transfer it to the jurisdictional police station for investigation."

Highlighting deep shock and outrage following Bhojegowda's viral video statement on the massacre of street dogs, Nevina Kamath, Secretary, Action for Animal Justice, condemned the brutal mass killing of innocent dogs.

She stated that animal lovers are questioning the absence of suo motu action by the police, judiciary, the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI), and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). "We should collectively ensure that such people who are psychopaths by nature, get disqualified lifelong from any public post, and that they are debarred from any kind of social activity," she said.

Sujaya Jagadish, an animal activist, said MLC Bhojegowda does not just represent humans but also the region's environment, including its fauna. Jagadish remarked that instead of seeking humane solutions, Bhojegowda chose a path of violence and boasted about it. "JD(S) leaders must take immediate action to remove this member who condones animal cruelty.....If only animals had voting power, our politicians would have treated them with respect," said Jagadish.

MLC SL Bhojegowda was not available for a comment.

Domestic help held for stealing valuables worth ₹22 lakh

The Siddapura police on Tuesday arrested a 36-year-old domestic worker and her relative for allegedly stealing valuables worth Rs 22 lakh from the house of a doctor in Jayanagar 1st Block.

The accused, identified as Annareddy Durga from Telangana, had been working in the household for over a year and a half. Police said she, along with her relative Venkateshwara Rao, accessed a wardrobe and escaped with gold, silver, diamond jewellery and expensive watches.

The theft came to light on July 28, when the family noticed Durga missing and her phone switched off. On checking the house, they found valuables gone.

Based on a complaint, Siddapura police traced the duo to Rangpur in Telangana, where they were found staying with relatives. The stolen items, which had been pledged in a gold shop, were recovered. **BMB**

Cauvery Stage 6 stalled as it faces approval hurdle

BWSSB has reached out to various funding agencies, but is yet to hear from State Government though it submitted detailed project report 4 months ago

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The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is preparing to roll out the long-awaited Cauvery Stage 6 project to address Bengaluru's rising water demands. While the board maintains ongoing communication with funding agencies such as JICA, HUDCO, and others for financial backing, the Detailed Project Report (DPR) submitted to the state government over four months ago is yet to receive approval, resulting in notable delays.

A decade-long journey

Cauvery Stage 5, sourcing 775 MLD of water from Torekadanahalli in Malavalli taluk, was launched in 2014 and completed only in October 2023 — almost a decade later. The BWSSB now proposes Cauvery Stage 6, aiming to supply an additional 500 MLD to Bengaluru's peripheral areas and surrounding towns. Although the DPR has been submitted, the state government has yet to approve the project, delaying its commencement.

Current supply vs growing demand

Currently, the BWSSB supplies 2,225 MLD of water under Cauvery Stages 1 to 5 to meet the needs of Bengaluru's 16 million residents. Given the rapid urban expansion and population growth, the board follows a long-term strategy of introducing a new water and sewerage project every decade. With an additional allocation of 6 TMC of Cauvery water already secured, the BWSSB is keen to utilize this allocation effectively by launching the Stage 6 project without further delay.

Cauvery Stage 5, sourcing 775 MLD from Torekadanahalli, launched in 2014 and completed in October 2023 — nearly a decade later

Direct draw from KRS

Sources indicate that while earlier stages drew water from Thorekadanahalli, Cauvery Stage 6 plans to source water directly from the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) reservoir, about 140 km away. The project is expected to supply an additional 6 TMC of water annually to Bengaluru. Estimated at ₹6,939 crore, the cost includes ₹5,177 crore for project execution and ₹1,822 crore for land acquisition, based on 2023–24 rates.

Boost for underserved areas

Once completed, Cauvery Stage 6 will benefit rapidly urbanizing localities such as Shivaram Karanth Layout, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout, and nearby areas, along with towns including Devanahalli, Hoskote, Anekal, Bidadi, and Nelamangala, which currently face water shortages. BWSSB projects Bengaluru's water demand to reach 3,200–3,400 MLD by 2030. The state had also proposed diverting water from the Ettinahole project to Hessarghatta Lake for city supply, but that plan remains incomplete. If Stage 6 is approved, supply capacity will rise to 2,725 MLD. Officials warn that further delays could worsen the water crisis, and even if sanctioned immediately, project completion may take up to a decade, amid the city's rapid urban expansion.

Water supply projections

29 TMC: Current water supplied under Cauvery Stages 1 to 5
6 TMC: Expected from Stage 6 alone
35 TMC: Total water supply post Stage 6 completion
Delays Could aggravate crisis by 2030

Intricate water routing planned

The DPR outlines a complex routing system for Cauvery Stage 6. Water will first be pumped from a treatment plant and primary reservoir to be built at Katteri village, just 2 km from the KRS dam. Gravity canals will then carry it 82 km to a second reservoir near Devarahosahalli by Ramanagara Bypass. Pumping stations will move the water another 43 km to a third reservoir near the NICE Road junction at Kengeri. A final 32-km pipeline will deliver water to BWSSB's city reservoir at GKVK, from where it will be distributed via Ground Level Reservoirs (GLRs). The project requires 130 acres, with land acquisition underway.

Green signal for funding

"If the state government approves the project, BWSSB will immediately move to secure funding," said a senior official. Agencies such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, JICA, and HUDCO are being approached for potential financial support. The board is determined to make optimal use of the additional 6 TMC of water already allocated. The DPR for Cauvery Stage 6 has been prepared and submitted to the state government, where it is currently under review," said a BBMP official.

BBMP orders urgent pothole repairs across city

Chief Commissioner stresses on quality adherence, assigning the Quality Control Department to monitor works, while zonal and ward officials supervise repairs regularly

With city roads riddled with potholes, BBMP Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao has instructed officials to undertake pothole filling works on a war footing to ensure smooth mobility across the city. Bangalore Mirror has extensively highlighted the worsening road conditions in the city.

Addressing a training workshop for engineers at Sir Puttanna Chetty Town Hall, Rao noted that continuous efforts are underway to fill potholes, but the monsoon rains have created challenges. He directed officials to use cold mix and eco-fix materials during rainy conditions and to deploy jet patcher machines wherever necessary for faster repairs.

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Yelahanka tops list as pothole capital of Bengaluru; over 13,000 potholes recorded since April; repair work lags in several zones
DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE
6,230 potholes repaired since April, but 4,334 still remain dangerous

Bangalore Mirror, August 16, 2025 – 'Down the Rabbit Hole': A deep dive into Bengaluru's escalating pothole crisis

Maintain quality as per SOP

The Chief Commissioner stressed that pothole repairs must strictly follow the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), with a strong focus on quality. The Quality Control Department has been tasked with monitoring and inspecting works. Officials at zonal and ward levels, including Joint Commissioners and Chief Engineers, must visit sites regularly to supervise repairs, he added.

Weekly work schedules and city cleanliness

Rao also emphasised the importance of maintaining cleanliness across the city. He directed zones to prepare weekly ward-wise schedules for sweeping footpaths, clearing debris, and removing construction waste using tractors and silt-cleaning equipment, ensuring early morning operations.

Practical demonstration for engineers

During the workshop, engineers were given hands-on demonstrations of pothole repair techniques under the SOP. Officials were trained to cut pothole edges, clean dust, spray tack coat, apply bitumen, and finish with proper rolling to ensure durability. — BMB

Engineers trained to cut edges, clean dust, apply tack coat and bitumen, and roll properly to ensure durable pothole repairs

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Unsafe stretch

Cottonpet

The road opposite Cottonpet Police Station, dug up for pipeline work on July 2, remains incomplete even after 48 days, leading to frequent accidents, school commute troubles, and worsening rain-related hazards for residents.

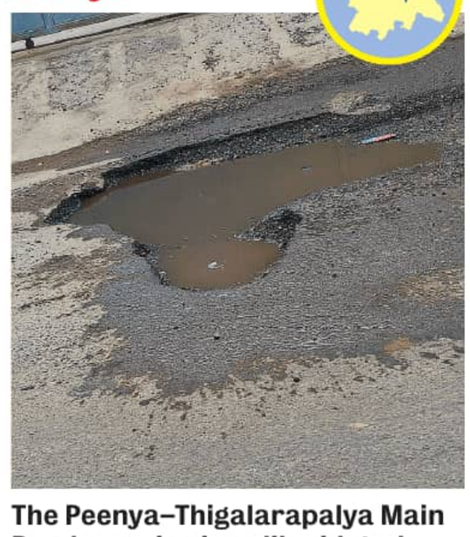
Cleanup neglected

Kithiganur Lake

A dead goat has been floating in Kithiganur Lake for three days without removal, sparking serious health risks, foul odour, and hygiene concerns for nearby residents.

Road danger

Peenya



The Peenya–Thigalarapalya Main Road remains in a dilapidated state despite heavy daily traffic. Commuters and residents demand urgent repairs, citing safety risks and worsening inconvenience from the neglected stretch.

MLA Subbareddy fined Rs 10k for skipping court

The Karnataka High Court has imposed a cost of ₹10,000 on Congress MLA from Bagepalli, S N Subbareddy, for failing to appear for cross-examination in connection with an election petition challenging his 2023 Assembly poll victory.

Justice M G S Kamal, while passing the order on August 13, directed that the cost be deposited with the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority. The petition was filed by BJP candidate C Muniraju, who lost to Subbareddy in the election.

During the hearing, Subbareddy's counsel sought exemption from personal appearance, citing the ongoing Assembly session scheduled till August 22. However, the petitioner's counsel opposed the plea, noting that the MLA had been personally present on August 4 and could not plead ignorance of the Assembly calendar. It was also pointed out that the cross-examination date was fixed on Subbareddy's own suggestion.

Justice Kamal observed that the proceedings had already been delayed due to repeated adjournment requests by the MLA, consuming valuable time beyond the statutory period prescribed for election petitions.

"Adjournments are given to meet the ends of justice and ensure substantial opportunity of being heard. This should not mean adjournments can be granted at the mere asking, particularly when today's date was fixed in the presence and upon instructions of respondent number 1," the court noted.

Granting one final opportunity, the court warned that no further adjournments would be entertained and posted the matter for hearing on August 29. **–BMB**

Relief to gangwoman after 3-decade struggle

In a significant relief for thousands of precarious workers, the Kalaburagi Bench of the Karnataka High Court has ordered the Panchayat Raj Engineering Division at Basavakalyan in Bidar district to regularise the services of Parvati, a gangwoman, with effect from her initial appointment.

Delivering the oral order on August 13, Justice Jyoti Mulimani observed that Parvati had rendered "long and uninterrupted service for more than two-and-a-half decades" and deserved regularisation without further delay. The authorities were directed to implement the order within two weeks.

The case has its origins in 1993, when Parvati's husband, Ramu, a watchman in the Zilla Panchayat Engineering Sub-Division at Basavakalyan, passed away. Left without support, Parvati moved the Labour Court in Gulbarga seeking employment. In 1998, the court allowed her plea and directed the department to provide her unskilled work. She was subsequently appointed as a gangwoman and has continued in that role for nearly 26 years.

Despite her long service, her job was never regularised, prompting her to approach the High Court through counsel Nitesh Padiyal. The court noted that the Labour Court order had been binding and that Parvati had continuously served since then.

"The fourth respondent has a legal obligation to regularise the services of the petitioner," Justice Mulimani stated.

Legal experts say the ruling could have far-reaching consequences for daily-wage and contract workers across departments. "Justice delayed for decades can still be delivered, offering hope to many others," Padiyal said. **–BMB**

Smart enforcement reduces helmet violations in city

With AI, Big Data, and stricter monitoring, Bengaluru Traffic Police cut helmet violation cases by more than 70% in five years, improving road safety

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The number of cases involving two-wheeler riders without helmets in Bengaluru has dropped by more than 50% in the first six months of 2025 compared with the corresponding period last year.

Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) data shows that between January and June this year, 9.43 lakh challans were issued for riding without helmets, in comparison to 19.33 lakh challans issued during the same period in 2024. In the last five years, this figure has declined by more than 70%. Between January and June 2020, as many as 38.72 lakh challans were issued under the helmet violation category.

According to BTP officials, most of those caught riding without helmets claim to be short-distance travellers. "The pillion riders mostly excuse themselves by saying they were going for a household chore, just a few hundred meters away. They do not realise that accidents happen in fractions of seconds," said a traffic police officer.

While BTP has been spreading awareness about helmet safety across the city, the majority of violations continue to occur on the city's outskirts. "The awareness level among citizens about the importance of wearing helmets has gone up. People are also abiding by this rule from the fear of paying penalties through contactless enforcement measures that use smart technologies. However, there is still a need to spread awareness in the periphery of the city," said another official.

BTP uses smart tech apps like ASTraM to catch helmet rule violators even without on-ground checks

"The pillion riders mostly come up with the excuse that they were going for a household chore, only a few hundred meters away. They do not realise that accidents happen in fractions of seconds – Bengaluru Traffic Police officer

To enhance enforcement, BTP is using Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, and the latest technologies. Its contactless enforcement measures include Intelligent Traffic Enforcement Management Systems (ITEMS), Field Traffic Violation Reports (FTVR), and violations crowd-sourced from the public domain through the ASTraM mobile application.

Under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, wearing helmets is mandatory for motorcycle riders. Section 129 of the Act requires both the pillion rider as well as the driver to wear ISI-marked helmets to ensure compliance with safety standards.

"Riding without a helmet is just one aspect of helmet violations. A lot of challans are also issued for substandard helmets. We have also been educating the public about the importance of quality safety gear. Substandard helmets will not prove beneficial and might lead to fatal injuries during road accidents," added another BTP official.

Fake candidates caught during document verification

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In a real-life twist reminiscent of Munna Bhai MBBS, four youngsters from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh secured Group D Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) posts at the Institute of Wood Science & Technology (IWST), Bengaluru, under the Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE), by making others write their exams. Their scam, however, collapsed on the very first day of duty when they were caught. The arrested men are Rupesh Kumar (27), Nitish Kumar (23), Ansh Raj (24), and Gulkan Baghel (19).

The recruitment and the scam

The ICFRE's Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Malleswaram, issued a notification in November 2024 to fill five vacant MTS posts. Hundreds of candidates nationwide, including from Karnataka, applied online. A written exam was held on April 16, 2025, at M S Ramaiah Engineering College. Police said the accused registered biometric details and signed attendance sheets, but others allegedly wrote the papers, enabling their fraudulent selection.

Suspicion on day one

After results were announced, five candidates, including the accused, were issued appointment letters. On July 9, they reported to duty in uniform and submitted their educational documents. During verification, officials noticed glaring mismatches between photographs, documents, signatures, and biometric records. While one candidate's documents were genuine, discrepancies in the other four raised alarm. ICFRE officials confirmed foul play and filed complaints with the police.

The ₹30,000 exam deal

According to police investigations, the accused had paid intermediaries around ₹30,000 each to arrange proxies to write their exams. Bengaluru Central Division DCP Hakay Akshay Machhindra confirmed their arrest, adding that the kingpins behind the racket are absconding. Teams have been sent to Bihar and Uttar Pradesh to trace the masterminds. "Separate cases have been registered based on four complaints filed by ICFRE. The arrested men have been remanded to judicial custody. Efforts are underway to nab those who orchestrated the fraud," a senior officer said.

MSMEs hit hard as 25,000 power applications pending

KASSIA highlights huge losses for small and medium entrepreneurs, while the vendor development programme aims to support MSMEs with key industry connections

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Thousands of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are in trouble due to the delay in supplying electricity by the respective electricity supply companies across the state. The Escoms have kept applications for electricity supply from MSMEs in the state pending for the last six months.

According to SM Hussain, secretary of the Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA), more than 25,000 applications—including 600 from the Peenya Industrial Area—are still pending. "This delay is causing significant inconvenience and financial losses to small and medium entrepreneurs across Karnataka," he said.

Hussain highlighted that many entrepreneurs have already invested heavily in constructing facilities and installing new machinery, but are unable to operate due to the lack of electricity. "Some entrepreneurs have had to spend additional funds to hire or install diesel generators just to run their machines," he added.

The delay, Hussain explained, stems partly from a Supreme Court order. Electricity supply companies require plan approvals and occupancy certificates before providing connections, but many MSME structures are built on revenue or private land without these documents. "We have met the concerned authorities to highlight these problems. While they assured us that the issues would be addressed, no concrete measures have been implemented so far," Hussain said.

Entrepreneurs face significant financial losses, as their new machinery and constructed buildings remain idle due to delayed electricity supply

The secretary also warned that international trade developments could impact local MSMEs. "US tariffs on Indian goods may adversely affect MSMEs involved in manufacturing defence and aerospace products. We need to engage with the government to discuss these challenges," he said.

In response to the difficulties faced by MSMEs, the MSME Development & Facilitation Office, in collaboration with KASSIA, will host a vendor development programme on August 21 and 22 at the KASSIA Auditorium. Union Minister of State for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Labour and Employment Shobha Karandlaje will inaugurate the event, with Gunjan Krishna, Commissioner of Industrial Development and Director of Industries and Commerce, serving as the chief guest.

The programme aims to bridge gaps between MSMEs and large public sector enterprises such as HAL, NAL, BEL, BHEL, DRDO, South Western Railways, Rail Wheel Factory, and MRPL. "These organisations will showcase their products, outline vendor registration procedures, and share details on the goods and services they require from MSMEs," said Devaraj K, Joint Director of MSME-DFO.

> **"Over 25,000 applications for electricity supply are pending, causing huge losses to small and medium enterprises due to the Supreme Court order**
> – SM Hussain, Secretary, KASSIA

Additionally, representatives from GeM (Government e-Marketplace), TReDS (Trade Receivables e-Discounting System), and banks including Canara Bank and IDBI will participate to provide guidance. One-on-one sessions will allow MSMEs to raise specific challenges and receive direct solutions.

With thousands of MSMEs awaiting electricity connections and ongoing financial strain, the programme is expected to provide critical support and foster collaboration between small businesses and larger enterprises.

Karnataka's central tax share hits ₹2.08L

Amid claims by the Karnataka government that the Centre was showing a partisan approach, the Centre clarified that the state's share of devolved central taxes and duties has significantly increased. Minister of State for Finance, Pankaj Chaudhary, informed Parliament that allocations to Karnataka rose from ₹1.51 lakh crore during the 14th Finance Commission period (2015-16 to 2019-20) to ₹2.08 lakh crore in the 15th Finance Commission period (2021-22 to 2025-26). He emphasised that the division of these funds between revenue and capital expenditure is determined by the State Government itself. Chaudhary also highlighted that the Finance Commission sets the methodology and criteria for distributing net central tax proceeds among states for each award period.

Assembly clears greater Bengaluru governance bill

Revenue Minister Krishna Byregowda informed the Assembly on Monday that no new taluks will be announced in Karnataka until the construction of Praja Soudhas (administrative buildings) for the 63 taluks created in 2018-19 is completed. Responding to Congress MLA T Raghumurthy, he said land had been allotted for offices in only 14 taluks earlier, while the current government has now approved Praja Soudhas for the remaining 49. He clarified that fresh demands for new taluks cannot be considered at this stage, as per the Chief Minister and Finance Department's view. Criticising the earlier decision, Byregowda termed the 2018-19 move "unscientific," stating that many taluks were created by merely upgrading gram panchayat centres, leaving deserving regions like Parashurampura Hobli excluded. — BMB

Yelahanka speeds up key infrastructure works

The BBMP Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao has directed officials to fast-track road development works in Yelahanka Zone, prioritising the proposed road within the SWD buffer zone from Jakkur Road to the National Highway, a crucial airport corridor. He instructed that work begin immediately and progress quickly. Reviewing the 15-metre-wide SWD and road project from Yelahanka Kogilu Junction to Jakkur Lake, he asked officials to explore connecting it through the BWSSB Sewage Treatment Plant and examine the feasibility of linking via the upcoming GVK hotel site to the highway. Rao also ordered revival of the old Kalyani near Raitha Santhe, proper development of Jakkur Lake's aeration walkway, and strict action against roadside garbage dumping. He stressed speedy completion of white-topping on Raitha Santhe Road, where only 500 metres of 2.5 km are done, and urged acceleration of pending railway overbridge ramp works, underlining timely execution of alternative link roads and key infrastructure. — BMB

Teen golfer Krishaa Nichani becomes India's youngest rules referee

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At just 19, Krishaa Nichani has already found a unique place in Indian golf, not just as a rising player on the Indian Golf Union (IGU) circuit but also as one of the youngest referees in the country.

What began as a curiosity to understand the sport better soon turned into something more. Introduced to golf by her father at 13, Krishaa started like any other young player chasing improvement. But when she picked up the rule book, she realised it could sharpen both her game and her confidence. By 2024, she had cleared Level 1 and Level 2 certifications and, earlier this year, went on to pass the demanding R&A Level 3 exam. With more than 120 hours of practical refereeing, she became the youngest TARS-qualified Rules Official in India.

Recalling her early days as an official, Krishaa said her first big test came during an IGU men's amateur event in Hyderabad. A player's ball had come to rest against a rock, and he tried to claim "Dangerous Animal Condition" relief by pointing out tiny insects near the spot. "I denied the relief, and when he asked for a second opinion, another referee upheld the same ruling. Players often get aggressive when they don't get the decision they want, but that incident taught me to stand my ground," she told BM.

In Coimbatore, she encountered another unusual situation. "The moment I reached the group, a player demanded a senior official and even named the person he wanted, which isn't allowed under the rules. I was a bit taken aback, but it was funny too—an experienced player saying such things," she laughed.

Balancing her dual role as player and referee has not been easy. Travelling across Bengaluru, Coimbatore, Hyderabad and beyond to officiate, she still makes time to practice after refereeing rounds. "It actually helps me as a player too. When I officiate, I learn about course setups, markings, placements. That knowledge makes me sharper when I'm competing," she explained.

Looking ahead, Krishaa hopes to continue in both roles. "I see myself balancing both equally. I plan to turn professional, but I also want to officiate at the highest level—the Asian Tour, DP World Tour, LPGA, PGA. Refereeing has taught me not just the rules, but also how to hold my ground. That lesson stays with me on and off the course."

State halts new taluks, awaits completions

The Legislative Assembly on Tuesday passed the Greater Bengaluru Governance (Amendment) Bill, 2025, with Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar clarifying that the move seeks to remove ambiguity over the powers of the Greater Bengaluru Authority. He explained the amendment was prompted by a PIL that suggested the Authority might interfere in the functioning of corporations, though the court had not upheld the claim. Shivakumar assured that the 74th Constitutional Amendment remains fully protected, with control over corporations resting with mayors and elected representatives. He added that the government will not interfere in taxation, finances, elections, or reservations, and will consider Opposition inputs. A notification for the long-delayed BBMP elections is expected by August 25 after Governor's approval. — BMB

BBMP fails to keep its own backyard clean

Residents, activists say festering black spot near Palike head office is proof of flailing cleanliness drive in Bengaluru

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities have been claiming to make the city free from garbage and black spots. The BBMP has men and machinery to ensure no garbage in the city. However, the black spots continue to exist at various locations in the city. The problem with the BBMP authorities is the failure to beautify a perennial black spot situated a few hundred metres away from the BBMP Head Office.

Pedestrians, auto rickshaw drivers and social activists have raised concerns that the premises of an abandoned building near the BBMP Head Office has become a dumping ground for all types of waste. Despite its proximity to the civic body's headquarters, the spot has remained neglected for months, causing anger among residents and activists.

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"It is painful and disgusting to come across such a black spot just a few hundred meters away from the BBMP Head Office. The BBMP Chief Commissioner is known for walking on footpaths at different locations to check if they are pedestrian-friendly. I want him to visit this spot and take measures to beautify it," said environmentalist Dattatreya T Devare.

Devare, who frequently visits the BBMP Head Office for official work, said he was hopeful that the authorities would address the issue soon.

Residents and daily commuters have also expressed their frustration. "The BBMP should either issue a notice to the building owner or clean the premises and add the cost to the property tax. Assigning one or two marshals to keep a vigil would help. If this continues, it will bring a bad name to the BBMP," said Ravi Kumar, a pedestrian.

Pedestrians, auto rickshaw drivers, and activists have raised concerns about a neglected dumping ground near the BBMP Head Office

Adding to the criticism, High Court advocate and Sampangi Rama Nagar resident A.R. Sashikumar accused the BBMP of ignoring not just this black spot but several others in the locality. "There are many black spots in Sampangi Rama Nagar. The authorities must visit the area and clear the garbage to ensure no such spots remain," he said.

Responding to the complaints, BBMP Senior Health Inspector (Sampangi Rama Nagar Ward) Anis Fatima assured action. "I will visit the spot and take measures to clear garbage and waste," she said.

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>
> –Dattatreya T Devare, an Environmentalist

For now, residents remain unconvinced, pointing out that if black spots can persist right outside the BBMP Head Office, the civic body's larger promise of a garbage-free city remains far from reality.

AROUNDTHEWORLD

Trump: Putin may reject deal

US President Donald Trump said on Tuesday he hoped Vladimir Putin was going to "be good" and move forward toward ending the war in Ukraine, but conceded it was possible the Russian president doesn't want to make a deal.

"I don't think it's going to be a problem, to be honest with you. I think Putin is tired of it. I think they're all tired of it, but you never know," Trump said in an interview with the Fox News "Fox & Friends" program.

Trump spoke the day after hosting Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy and European leaders at the White House for talks on his peace efforts, a meeting that followed his summit with Putin in Alaska last Friday.

–Reuters

Qatar bats for Gaza ceasefire

A key mediator on Tuesday underlined the urgent need to secure a ceasefire in Gaza, noting that Hamas had given a "positive response" to the latest proposal, while Israel has yet to formally react. The development comes as Israel prepares to expand its offensive into some of Gaza's most densely populated areas, raising international alarm over the potential humanitarian toll.

For many Palestinians, after nearly 22 months of conflict, no part of Gaza feels safe, not even the so-called humanitarian zones. –AP

Space is the limit

75,000 kg payloads: Is what Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) rocket is designed to carry into low earth orbit.

Rocket being designed is as tall as a **40**-storey building, said ISRO Chairman V Narayanan on Tuesday.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

NAVIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation) satellite

N1 rocket

6,500 kg communication satellite of the USA using Indian launch vehicles

Technology Demonstration Satellite (TDS) and GSAT-7R, a military communication satellite for the Indian Navy that will replace GSAT-7 (Rukmini), will be launched within this year

55 satellites: India currently has in orbit. "The number is going to be increased to three times in another three to four years," Narayanan said. — ET Online

Leopard found dead in Chamarajanagar

A female leopard was found dead inside a rock cave in the Cauvery Wildlife Division, Hanur taluk, officials confirmed on Tuesday. The leopard, estimated to be around five to six years old, was discovered in the Mekedatu forest area of Hanur wildlife range on August 17 during routine patrolling by forest staff. Preliminary findings suggest no immediate cause of death, but officials stated that only the autopsy report, which is awaited, will confirm the exact reason. A post-mortem has already been conducted.

Notably, in July, another leopard's carcass was found at a stone quarry near Kothalavadi village, under BRT Tiger Reserve in Chamarajanagara district. –PTI

CLOSERHOME

Dharmasthala murder allegations baseless, says Heggade

Dharmasthala Dharmadhikari Veerendra Heggade has strongly refuted allegations linking him and the Dharmasthala temple to the Soujanya case and claims of multiple murders, rapes, and secret burials in the region over the past two decades. Calling the allegations "baseless and false," Heggade expressed deep hurt over the accusations and the way they have been projected on social media, terming it "morally wrong."

The Karnataka government has constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the allegations. As part of the investigation, the SIT has carried out excavations at several locations to determine whether human remains were buried there.

Soujanya, a 17-year-old second-year Pre-University student at Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara College, was allegedly raped and murdered on October 9, 2012, sparking outrage. More than a decade later, protests continue, with people demanding justice for the victim.

In an exclusive interview to PTI, Heggade welcomed the SIT probe, saying it would help bring the truth to light once and for all. He appealed for a speedy and transparent investigation to ensure that lingering allegations are resolved conclusively. –PTI

Heavy rains shut schools in K'taka

Heavy and incessant rainfall across Karnataka has prompted administrations in seven districts to declare a holiday for schools and colleges on Tuesday as a precautionary measure.

The districts where educational institutions remained shut include Dharwad, Chikkamagaluru, Belagavi, Karwar, Hassan, Bidar, and Madikeri.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a red alert for Udupi, Uttara Kannada, Chikkamagaluru, and Shivamogga, while an orange alert is in place for Dakshina Kannada, Belagavi, Bidar, Kalaburagi, Vijayapura, Hassan, and Kodagu.

A yellow alert has been sounded for Bagalkot, Yadgir, Ballari, and Davanagere districts. Officials have warned that heavy rainfall and strong winds are likely to continue across the state, particularly in coastal and hilly regions, until August 20.

Due to the downpour, water discharge from the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) dam in Mandya and Kabini reservoir in Mysuru has been increased to 95,000 cusecs towards Tamil Nadu. In the Shiradi Ghat region of Hassan district, landslides have occurred at multiple spots. At Kappalli in Sakaleshpur taluk, mud and boulders slid onto the road, while at Donigal, a retaining wall along National Highway-75 collapsed. Dharwad DC Divya Prabhu also declared holidays for Anganwadis, schools, and PU colleges. –IANS

No one is responsible for workers' safety in city

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ensuring even the most basic safety standards. Workers are rarely given protective gear or training, and there is little preparedness in case of emergencies. First aid kits are usually missing, evacuation protocols are ignored, and security lapses continue as CCTV cameras cover only the outer premises, leaving active work zones unmonitored.

A senior advocate pointed out that the problem is not only about negligence but also stems from legal irregularities in how many residential complexes function. Under Section 17 of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 (RERA), builders are required to hand over apartments and common areas through a registered conveyance deed to a duly formed residents' association or body corporate. However, in several cases across the state, this transfer never happens, leaving ownership and responsibility with the builder or landowner.

Without proper conveyance deeds, housing societies technically lack legal standing to enforce safety norms or ensure maintenance. This gap results in crucial lapses, from sump cleaning to prevent hazardous gas build-up, to transformer barricading, swimming pool safety, lift licencing, and even compound security, the advocate said. Legal experts BM spoke to stressed that until builders comply with RERA by transferring control legally, both residents and contract workers remain at risk, with no clear accountability for safety or compliance.

Police have registered a case and are investigating the complaint, which directly accuses the contractor company and those managing the work of negligence leading to Alam's death.

Marginal dip in child marriages across state

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19 to 63 cases (+231%), Haveri from 4 to 41 (+925%), and Belagavi from 22 to 78 (+254%). The data also shows that districts which had zero reported cases in 2023-24 — Dakshina Kannada and Uttara Kannada — reported 7 and 3 cases respectively in 2024-25, suggesting that better reporting may be bringing hidden cases to light.

Government response

The state has formed coordination and monitoring committees at the state, district, and taluk levels, and child rights protection committees at gram panchayat level. In Bengaluru, Deputy Commissioners head the district committees, while Tahsildars lead taluk-level bodies. Over 58,200 officials have been appointed as Child Marriage Prohibition Officers across Karnataka. Quarterly reviews are conducted to track cases and initiate preventive measures.

To improve reporting and response, the state is developing the "Vardita Surakshini" (NextGen Surakshini) portal and mobile app, linked with the 1098 Childline. This will enable instant coordination between field officers and rescue teams when a case is reported.

The government is recognising "child marriage-free" gram panchayats with cash awards of ₹25,000. Officials hope that such incentives will inspire communities to take ownership of the problem and enforce zero tolerance. Despite legal safeguards and a tech-driven image, Bengaluru's rise in child marriage cases reveals a disturbing gap between urban progress and deep-rooted social practices — a reminder that the battle against this practice is far from over, said an activist.

Assembly passes stricter law against child marriage

The Karnataka Assembly on Monday approved the Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill-2025, which prescribes up to two years' imprisonment and a fine of ₹1 lakh for those attempting child marriage or child betrothal. Introducing the bill, Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar said that despite strict laws, child marriage persists, with 1,828 cases reported in 2024-25; of these, 1,260 were prevented, while 369 still took place.

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GALLERIA

HEALTH TIP: Sip 1–2 cups of green tea daily without sugar preferably after meals to aid the digestion process

Greek yogurt is high in protein and probiotics, improves gut health and keeps your hunger in check

K(need) to know basis

Changing your walking style can reduce knee osteoarthritis

Knee osteoarthritis is one of the most common types of joint conditions, which happens when the cushion in the cartilage breaks down. This condition is usually found to be more common in older adults and causes difficulty in practicing regular activities.

What causes osteoarthritis?

Osteoarthritis mostly happens in older adults; as you get older, the cartilage naturally happens to break down with time, as age is also one of the factors. If someone has a facial joint injury, such as a fracture, it may damage the bone and make it a worse scenario. If one is overweight, it can also act as one of the factors, since it adds more pressure on weight-bearing joints like knees and hips, which adds up to damage of cartilage. Overstress from workload and sports can lead to osteoarthritis due to repeated bending, kneeling, and lifting of heavy objects. Genetics also play an important role in increasing the chance of developing osteoarthritis; mainly, women after menopause are more likely to face this problem than men.In other cases, abnormal joint shape and misaligned or weak muscles also lead to supporting this factor by creating more strain on the joint.

Recent study

A recent study published in The Lancet Rheumatology on August 12, 2025, revealed that a slight change in the way you walk can work to reduce the knee pain. By changing the way you move or position your feet and moving your ankle in an inward and outward angle, you can significantly help to slow the breakdown of cartilage cushion inside your knees. Researchers stated that people have resulted in a reduction of joint pain and found improvement in their knee movement. The research study was conducted by the researchers from NYU Langone Health, Stanford University, and the University of Utah, which offers to find the best foot angle to help reduce stress on their knees without medication and surgery.

68 adults involved in the study are diagnosed with knee osteoarthritis and underwent gait analysis to track walking patterns and measure the stress on their knees. Later, participants performed different foot positions and angles from inward to outward by 5 to 10 degrees to determine which angle works the best to reduce the knee stress or pain.

The participants were divided into two groups, with half being trained in sessions to walk with a foot angle ideal for them and the other half continuing to walk normally. The participants were assessed with MRI scans and pain questionnaires.The result revealed that those who adopted their gait experienced to have reduced maximum knee loading by about 4%, while those who kept their same walking style increased the load by 3%.

Those taught with the new foot position are found to experience pain reduction by 2.5 points on a 10-point scale, which turned out to be the same as the relief provided by common over-the-counter medications, while the group that practiced the same foot position without changing their natural foot angle reported only a modest reduction of just over one point.

> **Simply by adjusting the way you position or angle you keep your foot at can make big difference in osteoarthritis patients**

What steps can be taken to reduce knee pain?

Research suggests that even a small change in walking style can make a huge difference for those who are suffering from osteoarthritis. Simply by adjusting the way you position or the angle you keep your foot at, slightly by turning inward and outward. Following this step will help to shift the pressure away from the damaged part of the knee by reducing pain and tearing down of cartilage. The mentioned step is beneficial for gait retraining, with low cost and no medication, which not only relieves the pain but also helps in the long term by making the joint healthy.

So, by making a small change in the way you walk, you will at least help to reduce some points of pain, keeping you at ease by improving the condition without fully relying on medication or surgery. And when each individual starts this practice, it will help them find their best foot angle to help reduce stress on their knees, which may later help to find an inexpensive way of addressing early-stage osteoarthritis. And the change in gait can effectively reduce knee pain caused by osteoarthritis.

—Femina

MIRRORLIGHTS

Study explores why South Asians face early, more aggressive risk of diabetes

Abdominal obesity coupled with greater sedentary behaviour is a driving factor for an early and more aggressive risk of diabetes among South Asians, including Indians, revealed a study on Tuesday.

The study, published in the BMJ, explored the characteristics of type 2 diabetes in South Asians who tend to develop the condition at a younger average age and lower body mass index than the white population.

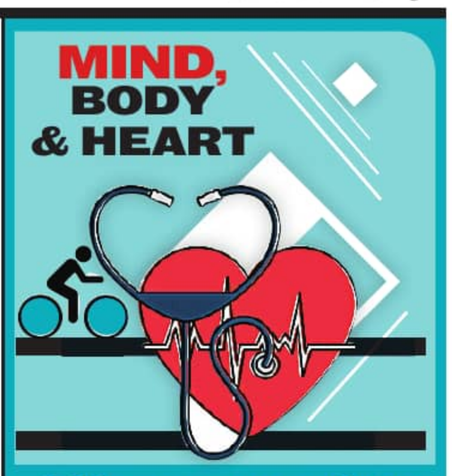
"South Asians face type 2 diabetes earlier and more aggressively than most other populations. Our review shows that diabetes often begins at lower body weight, progresses rapidly, and leads to more complications (kidney disease, heart attacks)," endocrinologist Dr. Anoop Misra, Director of Diabetes Foundation (India), who led the study, told IANS.

The study, in collaboration with researchers from the US, UK, and

Sri Lanka, showed that the prevalence of diabetes is high and varies across the region, with recent increases in youth onset.

Environmental influences are driving greater sedentary behaviour, and dietary shifts towards processed foods are leading to higher body weights.

This is concerning because South Asians show greater abdominal obesity, ectopic fat accumulation (particularly hepatic fat), and lower skeletal muscle mass than white people of a similar age and body mass index. –IANS



All you need to know about...

Early puberty

Health risks

Girls who go through puberty (the onset of menstruation) before the age of 11 or women who give birth before the age of 21 have double the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes, heart failure, and obesity, and quadruple the risk of developing severe metabolic disorders, according to a study.

Speedy ageing

The study led by researchers at the US-based Buck Institute for Research on Aging revealed that later puberty and childbirth are genetically associated with longer lifespan, lower frailty, slower epigenetic ageing, and reduced risk of age-related diseases, including type 2 diabetes and Alzheimer's. "We show that genetic factors favouring early reproduction come with a significant cost later in life, including accelerated ageing and disease. It makes sense that the very factors that help enhance the survival of the offspring may lead to detrimental consequences for the mother," Pankaj Kapahi, Professor at the varsity.

Big influence

He stated that "these risk factors, whether positive or negative, clearly have significant influence on a variety of age-related diseases and should be considered in the larger context of overall health." The research, published in the journal eLife, was based on regression analysis on nearly 200,000 women in the UK to confirm genetic associations.

BMI

Kapahi said the study highlights the role of Body Mass Index (BMI) as a critical mediator of this process, finding that early reproductive events contribute to a higher BMI, which in turn increases the risk of metabolic disease. "One can envision that enhancing the ability to absorb nutrients would benefit the offspring, but if nutrients are plentiful, then it can enhance the risk of obesity and diabetes." –IANS

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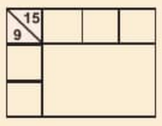
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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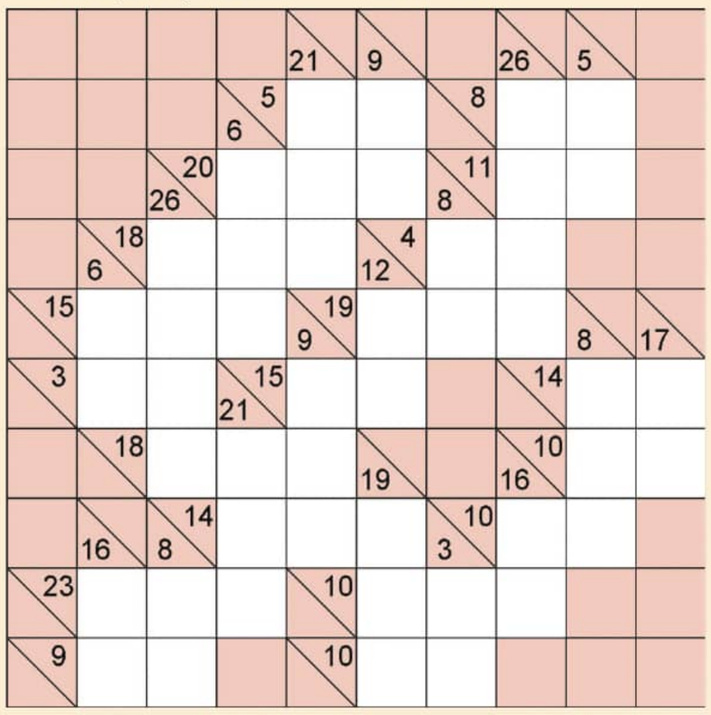

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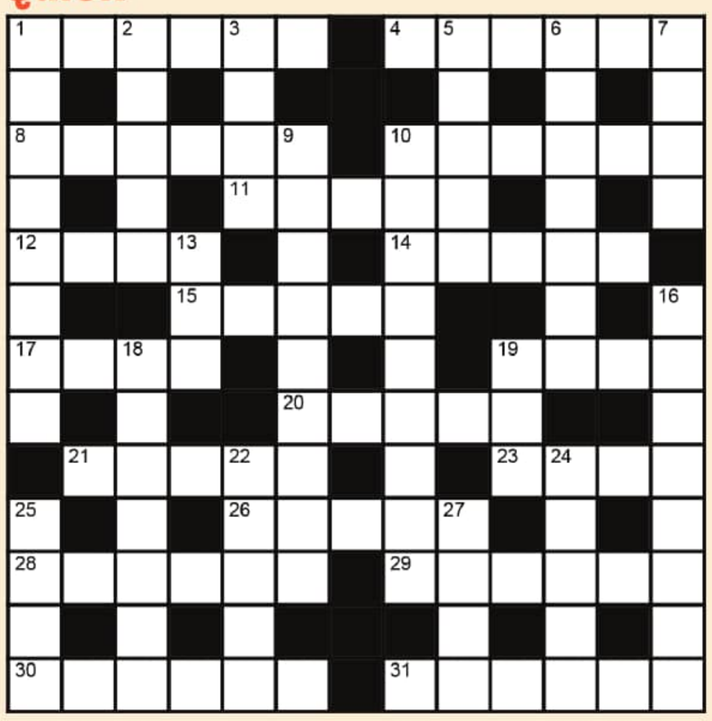


ACROSS

1 Discomfiture (6)
4 Overlook or pass by (6)
8 Vacillate (6)
10 Sailor of the Arabian Nights (6)
11 Stimulate or excite, in a way? (3,2)
12 Rajput king ___ Pratap (4)
14 Slow or slowly in musical terms (5)
15 Walk pompously (5)
17 American Inst. of Aeronautics and Astronautics (4)
19 Inactive (4)
20 High-IQ society (5)
21 City on the Ganges (5)
23 The girl with the little lamb? (4)
26 Go in (5)
28 In a foreign country? (6)
29 Taste organ (6)
30 The extreme limit (6)
31 Stephenson's character portraying the good side (6)

DOWN

1 Ongoing (5,3)
2 Consumed (5)
3 Look for (4)
5 Complaint (5)
6 Circled or moved around (7)
7 Terminates (4)
9 Officially rebuke (9)
10 Area famous for its invitation card shops (9)
13 Simile centre (2,1)
16 Extremely healthy? (4,4)
18 Word of transposed letters (7)
19 __ ___ The Walrus: The Beatles hit (1,2)
22 Approaches (5)
24 Furious (5)
25 Hindu wind God (4)
27 Ascended (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: R EQUALS T

T JTD OV IDNYD UC RFH GN-JETDC FOV JODZ IHHEV.

Linemaro

Your place or mine? Tell you what? I'll flip a coin. Head at my place, tail at yours.

Mindchow

How many existentialists does it take to change a lightbulb? Two. One to change the lightbulb and one to observe how the lightbulb symbolizes an incandescent beacon of subjectivity in a netherworld of Cosmic Nothingness

Joke of the day

Q: What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary?
A: A thesaurus

Loop

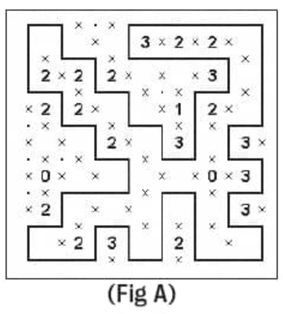
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

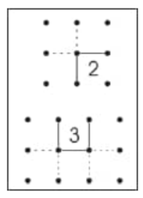
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

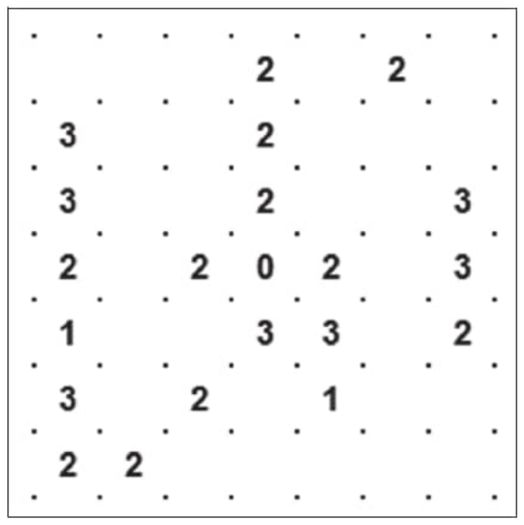
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



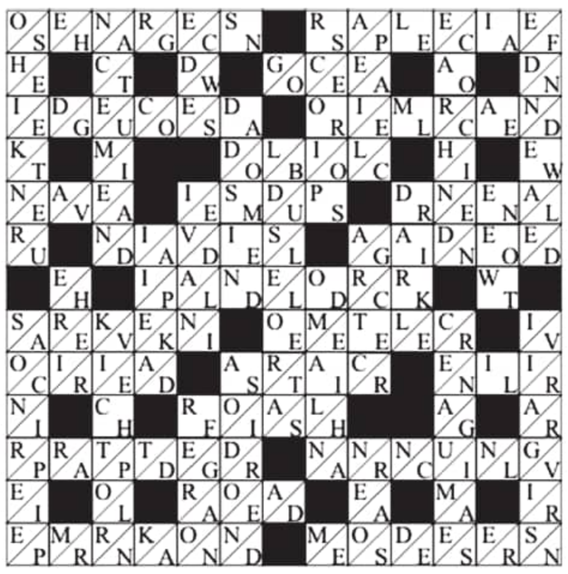
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



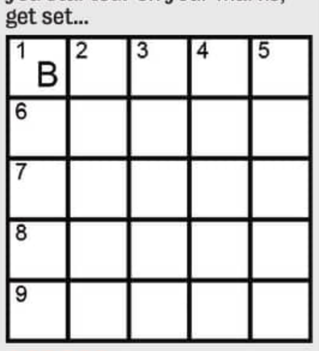
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

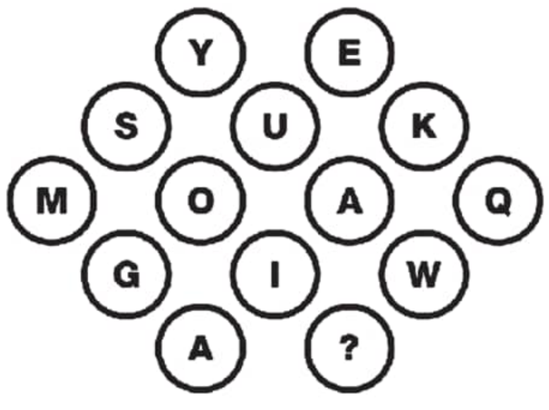
1 L bond; 6 Realm; 7 Nu Awe; 8 Sees a; 9 A slid

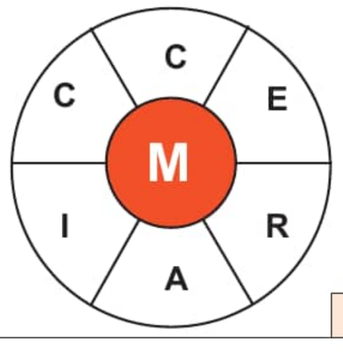
DOWN

1 Lubed; 2 Liana; 3 Samoa; 4 El new; 5 S Reds

Mensapuzzle

Which letter replaces the question mark in this formation?





Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

11 Average; **13** Good; **15** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

			7		1	6	3	
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			4	9				
5	1					4	6	
			5		4			
	4	6					8	5
				5	2			
8	3		9				2	
	6	4	1		7			

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 1

2 3 4 4

Medium = 24

2 4 6 8

Hard = 3

2 3 3 9

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Ladder is longer. 2. Board is shorter. 3. Cap is different. 4. Lunch box handle is smaller. 5. Sleeve is longer. 6. Finger is moved.

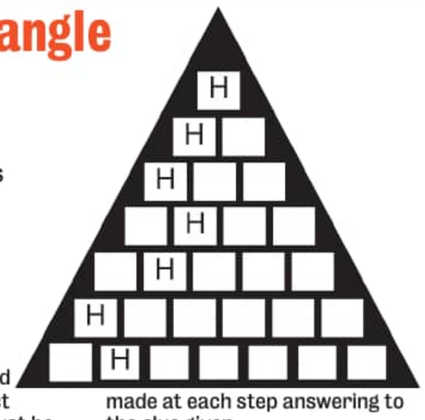
Riddler

The following sentences have two blanks that can be filled with two words that are anagrams of each other. Please find those words.

1. The ___ on the water was giving the fisherman a headache. "Oh, well", he thought, "maybe another ___ will help," as he reached for his cooler.
2. As the two lovers sat quietly staring into ___, they were both glad that they had brought their ___ on this chilly night.
3. It is not that Officer Smith ___ this part of his job, it was just that there was no easy way to tell someone about a ___ in the family.

Alpha triangle

1 8th letter
2 That man
3 Female bird
4 At that time
5 Old form of yours
6 Dropped a clue
7 Like swiftly (3,4)

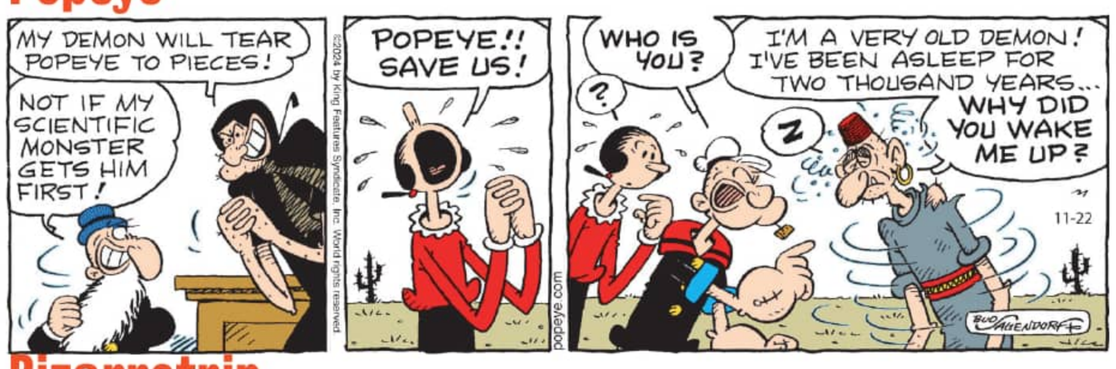


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye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NOT IF MY SCIENTIFIC MONSTER GETS HIM FIRST!
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WHY DID YOU WAKE ME UP?
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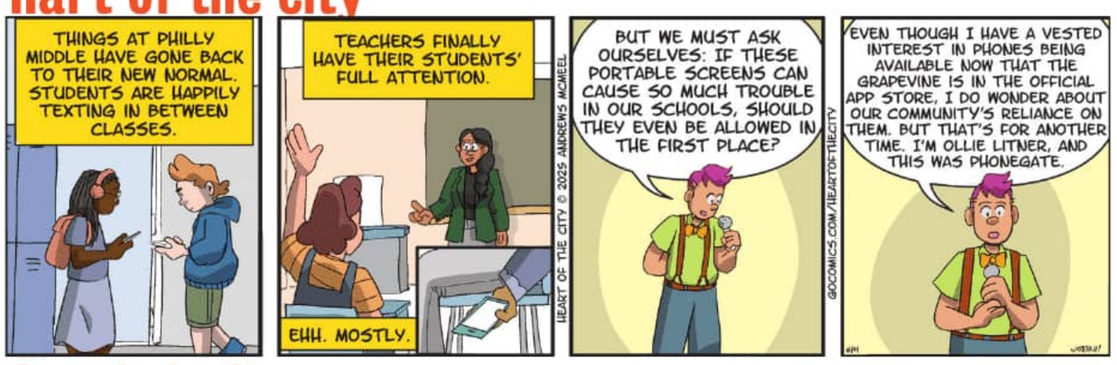
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TEACHERS FINALLY HAVE THEIR STUDENTS' FULL ATTENTION.
EHH. MOSTLY.
BUT WE MUST ASK OURSELVES: IF THESE PORTABLE SCREENS CAN CAUSE SO MUCH TROUBLE IN OUR SCHOOLS, SHOULD THEY EVEN BE ALLOWED IN THE FIRST PLACE?
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Blessed by Jupiter, you'll feel confident and decisive today. You can make important decisions with ease and may seize opportunities without hesitation. Spending time and money on family and friends will bring joy. Lovebirds may share happy moments together. Job seekers could find a suitable position with help from friends.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
You might feel low in energy today and may not fully enjoy the day. A tendency toward arrogance could affect both your personal and professional life. A lack of inner confidence might hold you back from engaging in creative work.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
An energetic day awaits you. Your efficiency at work will be high, and your hard work will start paying off, boosting your confidence. Property disputes with siblings may be resolved. Meeting influential people could expand your professional network.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
The Moon's blessings bring happiness today. Your communication skills may help you secure a big order in business. Politeness with those around you will strengthen relationships. With the support of colleagues, you may make important business decisions.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
A positive and energetic day under the Moon's influence. Good vitality will help you enjoy work and romantic moments with your spouse, enhancing domestic harmony. You might plan a new project, with your perfectionism helping to design its blueprint. Job seekers may find suitable opportunities. Lovebirds should avoid unnecessary debates.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Disappointment may cloud your day if you let arrogance affect your interactions. Be mindful of your words, as they could lead to losses or strained relationships. Lovebirds should handle discussions with care to maintain harmony.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Peace of mind will guide your day. You might plan to invest capital into your business, improving liquidity and financial health. Romantic moments with your spouse will strengthen family bonds. Singles may meet a suitable match, and lovebirds could decide on marriage. Students will benefit from positive karmic influences.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Happiness surrounds you as losses turn into profits. Seniors may appreciate and acknowledge your work. Changes in your role, position, or responsibilities—possibly in the form of a promotion—are likely. Opponents and hidden enemies will be under control. Singles and couples may take important marriage-related decisions with family or friends' support.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
With situations under control, you'll feel more positive today. Plans for overseas travel may take shape, and your network could assist in work matters. Domestic harmony will increase. Creativity is high—you might buy artifacts or decorative items for home or office, or enjoy movies and entertainment with loved ones.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
The week begins with expectations of financial gains. Balancing income and expenses will strengthen your bank balance. You're likely to perform well at work, earning new responsibilities or promotions. Money owed to you may be recovered. Opponents and hidden enemies will remain under control. Health will improve.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You may focus on home renovation and buy items to decorate your space, enhancing social status. Harmony with your spouse will boost domestic peace. Disputes with friends, co-workers, or partners may be resolved. Positive news related to legal matters could arrive.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
The Moon's positive influence brings good health, with old health issues likely to resolve. Stuck money may be recovered. You might apply for a loan to purchase luxury items, adding comfort to your life.

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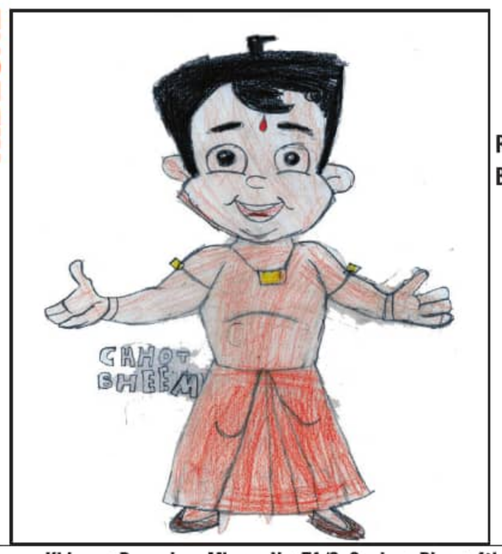

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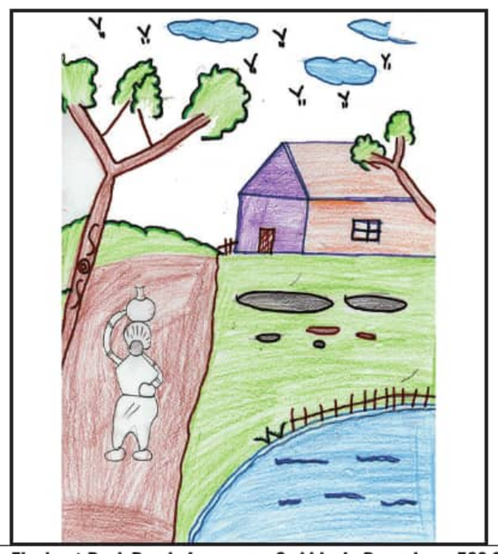

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(3/8) / -24 = - 1/64
Cube root of (- 1/64) = - 1/4
(- 1/4)^2 = 1/ 16

RIDDLER
1. glare, lager, 2. space, capes & 3. hated, death

STRIKE OUT

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B	L	O	N	D

BULL'S EYE
acme, amir, came, CERAMIC, cram, cream, crime, emir, mace, mare, mica, mice, mire, ramie, ream

QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
G. Start with the A in the bottom left corner, and move in a clockwise spiral around the diagram towards the centre. Letters are written in alphabetic order, in steps of 6 letters at a time.

QUOTE UNCODE
A man is known by the company his mind keeps.

SUDOKU

9	5	8	7	2	1	6	3	4
4	2	1	6	8	3	7	5	9
6	7	3	4	9	5	8	1	2
3	8	2	5	6	4	9	7	1
5	1	9	2	7	8	4	6	3
7	4	6	3	1	9	2	8	5
1	9	7	8	5	2	3	4	6
8	3	5	9	4	6	1	2	7
2	6	4	1	3	7	5	9	8

ALPHA TRIANGLE
H, He, Hen, Then, Thine, Hinted, Hinted, The wind.

GO FIGURE
Easy
3 - 2 + 4 - 4 = 1
Medium
8 x 2 / 4 x 6 = 24
Hard
3 x 3 / 9 + 2 = 3

LOOP

KAKURO

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WORDS OF INSPIRATION

Tamannaah shares motivational quote that is her current mood

Tamannaah Bhatia recently posted a thoughtful message on her social media, expressing her straightforward philosophy about life.

In her Instagram stories, she shared an inspiring quote emphasizing that those who boldly ask for more are often the ones who achieve their desires.Tamannaah Bhatia shares motivational quote.

On Monday, the actress shared a motivational quote on her Instagram stories, which was originally from mindfulness educator Case Kenny. The quote stated, "I have a theory that life meets you at your level of audacity."

On social media, the actress offered a glimpse into her mindset by sharing a powerful quote about boldly asking for what you want. The next slide explained, "Audacity: asking for what you want instead of hoping someone offers it to you and not being subtle about it," highlighting that life improves when we stop waiting for perfect timing and take charge ourselves.

Following her inspiring social media post, Tamannaah grabbed headlines after being spotted with Janhvi Kapoor, star of 'Param Sundari', at Mumbai Airport on Sunday. The two actresses happily excitedly held hands, posing for fans and photographers. Tamannaah impressed in a chic all-black outfit paired with white sneakers, while Janhvi chose a light floral skirt paired with a corset top.

On the work front, Tamannaah is gearing up for an exciting lineup of projects. As reported by India Today, she will be joining the cast of Vishal Bhardwaj's upcoming crime thriller, 'Romeo', playing a key role alongside Shahid Kapoor, Triptiin Dimri, Nana Patekar, and Randeep Hooda. Moreover, she is also rumored to star in 'Ranger' with Ajay Devgn and Sanjay Dutt. **–ETimes**

Watch out, fake social media accounts out there

Tollywood heartthrob Mahesh Babu's daughter Sitara Ghattamaneni has warned netizens of the fake and spam accounts being created under her name. Issuing a formal warning on social media, Sitara wrote: "It has come to my notice that several fake and spam accounts are being created under my name. I would like to clarify to all my friends, family and well wishers that I am only active on Instagram." Sitara added that she is only available on this particular handle and any other account claiming to be her is false.

"This is my only official account and the only medium through which I connect. I am not present on any other social media platforms. Please be cautious and avoid engaging with any other accounts claiming to be me," she added.

Mahesh Babu celebrated Sitara's 13th on July 20 with a loving post on Insta. **–IANS**

Sunny in Malayalam

Popular actress Sunny Leone, who has acted in a number of Bollywood films and a few films in several other languages including Tamil, Marathi and Bengali, is now all set to step into Malayalam cinema with her upcoming film Vista Village, marking an exciting new chapter in her career.

Known for work in Bollywood, Sunny now ventures into this multilingual project that will also release in Telugu, Kannada and Hindi.

Sources close to the unit of the film have now disclosed that the film has been shot extensively in the remote landscapes of Kasaragod, Kerala and features nearly 40 artistes from the Malayalam film industry alongside talents from Bollywood, Kashmir, Punjab and other regions.

About working in a Malayalam film for the first time, Sunny Leone said, "Working on Vista Village has been a very special experience for me. Learning Malayalam was definitely a challenge but also very rewarding and it helped me connect with my character." **–IANS**

Renee Zellweger makes directorial debut with 'They'

Actor Renee Zellweger presented her directorial debut, "They", a hand-drawn and animated seven-minute short, at the Edinburgh International Film Festival.

In an interview with entertainment news outlet The Hollywood Reporter, the "Bridget Jones" star shared the inspiration behind her project.

"The decline of social discourse, how it seems that we all have these opinions about one another. Conversation seems to have left the building," the 56-year-old star said alluding to toxicity on social media.

The first-time director revealed the film has been a long-term passion project for her, and the idea for it emerged during the COVID 19 pandemic.

"People say 'passion project,' and that's genuinely what this is reached in. It's just a love of the art form and how you can use it to engage in a conversation without being offensive," she said.

Zellweger also elaborated on the one-word title.

"It's that cliched reference when you want to end a conversation, or in substantiating your perspective: 'You know how they are,' 'You know what they say,' 'You know what they do.' "That's the reference. But obviously, in the messaging, we're all 'they'", she added. **–PTI**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Shooting completed

Middle Class Ramayana, a tale about youngsters from middle-class families, has officially wrapped up its shoot. The movie revolves around the challenges a young man faces when he decides to get married. Vinu Gowda and Mokshita Pai are the lead pair in the movie directed by Dhanush Gowda and bankrolled by Jayaram Gangappanahalli under the Anjanadri Productions banner.

Pai, who is known for her sterling performance in tele serial Paaru, debuts as a heroine in Sandalwood with this movie. "There is a lot of difference among tele serials, reality shows, and movies. It is tough to bankroll and release a Kannada movie. I am very happy to know that the producer has been making arrangements to release Middle Class Ramayana at theaters shortly. I thank the director and the producer for not compromising with the quality of the movie," said Pai.

Vinu Gowda said he has struggled a lot to establish himself as an actor. "I am very happy to be part of this movie," Gowda said.

Middle Class Ramayana is Dhanush Gowda's second movie as director.

Shodha from Aug 29

ZEE5 Kannada is all set to stream its latest original web series Shodha from August 29. Helmed by director Sunil Mysuru and produced by KRG Studios, the six-episode psychological crime thriller stars Pawan Kumar, Siri Ravikumar, Arun Sagar, and Anusha Ranganath in key roles. The series follows Rohit (Pawan Kumar), a sharp but morally grey lawyer, whose life turns upside down when he fails to recognise his own wife.

Kannada ZEE5, Business Head, Deepak Sriramulu, said: "We first experimented with mini-series and micro-series through the Bullet app. Our first original series Ayyana Mane got a great response. That success has brought us to Shodha. With this step, we've also begun collaborating with production houses like KRG Studios, PRK Productions, and Tarun Sudhir Productions. Shodha is a special project - it shows the strength of Kannada storytelling and the potential of OTT as a platform for fresh talent." KRG Studios Karthik Gowda said after the success of Ayyana Mane, director Pradeep suggested doing a web series.